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HEALTH FACILITIES & SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Ms. Courtney Avery Administrator Health Facilities and Services Review Board 2nd Floor 525 West Jefferson Street Springfield, Illinois 62761

> Re: Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers Modernization and Infrastructure Renewal Project CON Application #18-033

Dear Ms. Avery:

Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center supports approval of a CON permit for the Modernization and Infrastructure Renewal project at Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers. This project will permit the Hospital to continue its long-term commitment to providing high quality services to the residents of Grundy County and neighboring communities

Although we have no affiliation with Morris Hospital, we collaborate to serve our communities as we often coordinate care for patients that need to be transferred to a hospital our size, offering tertiary services. They always put the needs of the patients first and this project is in line with that mission and will benefit the community in keeping care close to home.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, as we support approval of this application.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Erickson

President